

ACTIVITY REPORT - 28 APRIL 1975 - 7 MAY 1975

DEPARTED SAIGON AS CREWMEMBER ON N11014 (DHC-4) FOR V32 TO RON ABOUT 1755 28 APRIL 1975. ABOUT 1820 CONTACTED BY OM THAT UNUSUAL ACTIVITY GOING ON V01 AND WHEN WE ARRIVED V32 TO STAY THERE. ON ARRIVAL V32 WE FOUND BAD OIL LEAK #1 ENGINE. THE AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN IN MAINTENANCE ALL DAY FOR THIS SAME ENGINE. AMONST OTHER ITEMS -- IN FACT IT HAD BEEN WRITTEN UP FOR MANY DAYS --- NO REPLACEMENT ENGINE AVAILABLE. THE MECHANIC WORKED MOST OF THE NIGHT ON SAME WITH LITTLE IMPROVEMENT. DURING THE NIGHT VNAF AIRCRAFT STARTED TO COME IN WITH REFUGEES AND BY MORNING OUR AIRCRAFT WAS BLOCKED. WE NEVER RECEIVED ANY MESSAGE FROM V01 ----EXCEPT PART WOULD COME ABOUT 1100. WE DID TRY TO MOVE AIRCRAFT TO AN AREA WHERE IT WOULD NOT BE BLOCKED BUT ON THE WAY AC-119 LANDED AND BLOCKED THE RUNWAY AND WE HAD TO DRAG THE AIRCRAFT BACK. THEN ANOTHER AIRCRAFT BLOCKED US IN AGAIN.

AS MORE AIRCRAFT CAME IN THE SITUATION GREW MORE TENSE WITH REFUGEES, ARVN AND VNAF PERSONNEL. OUR FACILITY OFFERED MUCH ASSISTANCE BUT IT WAS INADEQUATE. ABOUT 1230 VP-SOUTH CHINA SEA DIVISION, JOHN FORD ADVISED OUR CREW TO GO TO THE LORAN STATION --- A CHOPPER H107 PICKED US UP AND PUT US ABOARD THE BARBOUR COUNTY ABOUT 1500L 29 APRIL.

WE STAYED ABOARD UNTIL 0900 7 MAY 1975 --- OFFLOADED IN SUBIC BAY PROCEEDED TO NAVAL AIR STATION AND THEN FLOWN TO MANILA INTERNATIONAL---CHECKED INTO THE CARLSTON, PICKED UP TICKETS TO HONG KONG ARRIVING 7 MAY IN THE EVENING.]

TO DATE I HAVE SUBMITTED EXPENSE REPORT, CMR APRIL, LOSS REPORT AND FSO FOR LAST FLIGHT. I DID NOT SUBMIT 176+00 HOURS

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DEADHEAD WHICH IS APPLICABLE, HOWEVER, I EXPECT MY FULL REPATRIATION FOR MYSELF AND FAMILY FROM MY HOME STATION SAIGON TO MY HOME OF RECORD. IF IT TAKES MORE THAN 7 DAYS TO CLEAR HONG KONG DUE TO THE COMPANY'S INABILITY TO PROCESS FASTER AND WITH REASONABLE LATITUDE, I EXPECT MORE PER DIEM UNTIL SETTLED.

I NOTE EXCEPTION BEING MADE TO SAVE PENNIES.....

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